Thein Dam Project

1090. SHRI M. A. BABY: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present stage of implementation of the Then Dam Project proposed in Punjab;

(b) whether any global tender was invited for the execution of project; and

(c) to which company or consortium the execution of the project is proposed to be entrusted and what are the details of the other firms that have submitted their tenders?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) Thein Dam Project is being executed by Government of Punjab. Excavation of four diversion tunnels and the Power House site has been completed and concreting work on the diversion tunnels is in progress. Activities such as stripping of dam abutments, cut and cover sections, downstream protection works and digging of emergency/hoist shafts are in progress. Infrastructural facilities such as construction of base work-shops, stores, batching and mixing plants, cement handling plants and railway siddings are in an advanced stage of completion.

(b) Global tenders were not invited for the implementation of the project.

(c) Does not arise.

Joint venture programme with USSR

1091. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a new joint venture programme whereby the USSR would be investing equity capital in Indian companies including private sector and vice-versa has been under the consideration of Government;

(b) whether any decision has been taken by Government in this regard; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (c) An Agreement between the Government of India and the U.S.S.R. was signed in New Delhi on 24th November, 1987 for promoting the development of New forms of economic cooperation. This Agreement, *inter-alia* stipulates that the establishment and operation of joint ventures shall be carried out in accordance with legislation of the host country and that its specific conditions of operation shall be agreed by the enterprises and the organisations concerned including the composition of partners, extent of ownership, manner of raising funds, distribution of profits and their repatriation to foreign partners etc.

रसोई गैस के कनेक्शनों का स्थानान्तरण

1092. **श्री सुनील कुमार पट्टनायक :** क्या पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि दिल्ली में रसोई गस के वितरक उन उपभोक्ताओं के जो अपने गैस कनेक्शन स्थानान्तरित करना चाहते हैं, गैस कनेक्शन स्थानान्तरित करने के अनुरोध को इस आधार पर अस्वीकृत कर देते हैं कि कनेक्शन प्राप्त करने के समय से छः माह की अवधि पूर्ण होने से पहले कनेक्शन स्थानान्तरित नहीं किये जा सकते ;

(ख) इस संबंध में वितरकों को क्या निर्देश दिये गये हैं ;

(ग) क्या यह भी सच है कि अपने कनेक्शन स्थानान्तरित करने के लिये उपभोक्ताओं को तेल कम्पनियों के अधिकारियों से आदेश प्राप्त करने के लिये कहा जाता है;

(घ) क्या सरकार वितरकों को ऐसे आदेश जारी करने का विचार रखती है कि वे ऐसा ब्यौरा स्थायी तौर पर अपने नोटिस बोर्डों पर दर्शाएं अथवा कनेक्शन देते समय उपभोक्ताओं को जारी किये गये कागजातों में संगत ब्यौरा दें, जिससे कि उपभोक्ताओं के हितों की रक्षा की जा सके और वितरकों द्वारा उन्हें परेशान न किया जा सके; और

(ङ) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है ?

पट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री (श्री रफीक आलम): (क) से (ग) नीति संबंधी दिशा निर्देशों के अनुसार कनेक्शन जारी होने की तारीख से 6 महीने के भीतर कनेक्शन के स्थानान्तरण की अनुमति नहीं है। उचित मामलों में स्थानान्तरण की अनुमति तेल कम्पनियों द्वारा जांच करने के बाद ही दी जाती है।

(घ) और (ङ) चूंकि छः महीने के अन्दर स्थानान्तरण के लिये बहुत कम अनुरोध प्राप्त होते हैं, इसलिये वितरक के शो रूम में कनेक्शन के स्थानान्तरण संबंधी नीति के बारे में कोई सूचना नहीं लगाई जाती ?

LPG Facilities in Bihar

1093. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cities and towns of Bihar have been provided with cooking gas facilities till 31st December, 1987; and

(b) by when the remaining cities and towns are likely to be provided with this facility?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) As on December 31, 1987, 59 cities and towns in Bihar State have been provided with LPG facility;

(b) LPG distributorships in the country, including in Bihar are being established by the oil industry in a phased manner at locations with a population of around 20,000 and above (as per 1981 Census) and offering sufficient potential for economically viable marketing of the product.

Expenditure on Import of Crude Oil

1094. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantity of crude oil imported during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) the expenditure incurred on this import during the above period, year-wise; and

(c) the expenditure incurred during the above period to improve the effectiveness of our exploratory, development and production efforts with year-wise details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) and (b) The quantity and value of crude oil imported during the last three years is given below:

Qty. : Million tonnes
Value : Rs. in crores

Year	Qty.	Value
1985-86	15.14	3686
1986-87	15.53	2058
1987-88 (Estimated)	18.34	3104